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From:

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Sent:

Monday, June 21, 2021 11:26 AM

To:

Jett, Jen (Wicker)

Cc:

Bailey Barker

Subject:

Invitation: AEI Jackson Hole Retreat, August 12–14, 2021

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I hope all is well! I am passing on an invitation below from AEI's President, Robert Doar, to Senator Wicker to join us at a private event this August in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

This retreat is a private, off-the-record policy conference for scholars, policymakers, and a select group of our top supporters. AEI held a similar gathering last year where attendees included Attorney General William Barr and Deputy National Security Advisor Matthew Pottinger. We plan to host policy panels along the lines of the topics mentioned below, and I know Robert and other members of our community would welcome the opportunity to hear from Senator Wicker.

Please see below for an invitation from Robert with additional information. I will follow up in the coming weeks with more information on the agenda, but because this will be a select group, please let me and Bailey Barker (cc'd) know at your earliest convenience if Senator Wicker is interested in joining us or if you have any questions.

Best,

Luke



Luke Strange
Director of Government Relations
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## JACKSON HOLE RETREAT

AUGUST 12-14, 2021 | TETON VILLAGE, WY

Dear Senator Wicker,

I am writing to invite you to speak at AEI's annual Jackson Hole Retreat, which will be held August 12–14, 2021, at the Four Seasons in Teton Village, Wyoming.

Programming will begin with an evening reception on Thursday, August 12, and conclude the evening of Saturday, August 14. This off-the-record retreat offers a unique opportunity to hear from policymakers, intellectuals, and AEI scholars about the important work they are doing to address our nation's most pressing challenges, protect our national interests, and promote a strong American future. Past retreats have featured discussions on topics such as presidential politics, foreign policy, the nature of capitalism, and the future of the conservative movement.

We hope to feature you as a speaker, as we know our community would value your insights. Because we have a limited agenda, please let us know if you are interested in joining us at your earliest convenience. For any questions, more information on the event, or to RSVP, please contact Bailey Barker at Bailey.Barker@aei.org.

I hope you will be able to join us in August. With warm regards,

Robert Doar

President

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Institute for the Study of War

STEVEN KOONIN

MICHAEL NAGATA

Lieutenant General, US Army (Retired)

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US Senate (R-OH)

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### Thursday, August 12

12:16 p.m. - Arrival, Jackson Hole Airport

1:00 p.m. - Arrival, Four Seasons Jackson Hole

1:15-5:15 p.m.

Executive Time

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Opening Reception

### Friday, August 13

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Breakfast Conversation

#### Trouble in the Classroom: Understanding the Threat to Our Nation's Schools and Universities

Robert George, Jason Riley, and Max Eden (Moderator)

The debates about critical race theory and woke activism in our universities and schools have taken center stage in America. How serious is the threat to our educational institutions, and what are the likely outcomes of the current efforts at the national and state levels to resist the activists' efforts? Will today's activism eventually fade like the political correctness movement of the 1990s did, or are things different now? What can lawmakers, administrators, and parents do to protect the integrity of our schools and campuses? Join us for a lively discussion of these and other questions as we consider how to improve the quality of learning in America and resist efforts to push our educational institutions toward radical goals.

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Morning Session I

#### What We Know and Don't Know About Climate Change—and What We Should Do

Steven Koonin, Ryan Lance, and Ryan Streeter (Moderator)

Physicist Steven Koonin created waves in the climate change debates with the publication of his book, *Unsettled: What Climate Science Tells Us, What It Doesn't, and Why It Matters* (BenBella Books, 2021), which dispassionately lays out the empirical case for why a number of claims about climate change that have become conventional wisdom are not settled science. Ryan Lance has had to contend with climate science while leading one of the world's largest energy companies. Join us for a deep dive into what we do and do not know about climate change and how we should be thinking about the relationship of innovation, energy, and the climate in a debate that has grown intensely ideological and political.

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Morning Session II

#### What If We're Wrong? Geopolitics and the Future of War

John Abizaid, Kimberly Kagan, Michael Nagata, and Frederick Kagan (Moderator)

US policymakers are shaping military modernization and global strategy around the assumptions that in future conflict, China will be the enemy and advanced technology both the challenge and the solution. What if they're wrong? What are the real dangers posed to the US by developments in the Middle East, Russia, and beyond? Can deterrence work in multisided conflicts involving both state and non-state actors, and, if so, how? Is the use of nuclear weapons in conflict becoming more likely? What must the US do to modernize its military beyond buying high-tech systems? This panel will explore these questions to consider what America must do to prepare itself for the increasingly dangerous world ahead.

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch Conversation

#### No Way to Treat a Child

Naomi Schaefer Riley and Robert Doar (Moderator)

There are 800,000 children who are found to have been abused or neglected by their caretakers each year, resulting in 440,000 children being removed from their families and placed in foster care. The disintegration of the family and the scourge of a drug epidemic are destroying children's lives, and our nation's approach to helping kids at risk has been a

failure. Naomi Schaefer Riley's new, hard-hitting book on this topic, No Way to Treat a Child: How the Foster Care System, Family Courts, and Racial Activists Are Wrecking Young Lives (Bombardier Books, 2021), will be released this fall. Please join her and Robert Doar for a conversation focused on solutions: Where are the emotionally and financially stable, loving, and permanent homes for kids in danger?

1:15-2:45 p.m.

Seminar Session

#### In Defense of Economic Liberalism

Michael Strain

Economic liberalism is under attack from the progressive left and the populist right. Both argue that free markets and limited government have been a disaster for typical workers and households and for the nation as a whole. In this seminar, Michael Strain will present research showing that the doomsaying is wrong. Capitalism isn't broken. The game isn't rigged. Moreover, economic liberalism inculcates virtue—in individual citizens and society as a whole—and is a necessary complement to individual liberty. Strain will discuss threats to liberalism and policies to complement it.

3:00-5:30 p.m.

Executive Time

Executive time offers an opportunity for Members of Congress to connect with AEI scholars or other guests and continue the discussions prompted by the day's sessions, open dialogues on related policy topics, and engage with the conference's themes in informal settings.

5:45-8:00 p.m.

Reception and Dinner (Hurley Residence)

8:15-9:15 p.m.

Dinner Conversation

#### A Conversation with Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie

Chris Stirewalt (Moderator)

What is the current state of affairs in state governments, and what should it be? Gov. Christie will discuss his view of how state policy ties into the national arena, and where he thinks the US is heading in the long term.

### Saturday, August 14

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Breakfast Conversation

#### Survival of the City

Edward Glaeser and Michael Strain (Moderator)

Harvard economist Edward Glaeser discusses his new book (coauthored with David Cutler) on how cities are changing in the face of existential threats—threats that have only accelerated because of the pandemic. Urban density breeds illness, vice, and crime. It is also a key ingredient in national creativity, innovation, and the generation of wealth. Cities stand at a crossroads. Glaeser's book outlines what will distinguish cities that will flourish from those that won't.

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Morning Session I

#### A Conversation with Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)

James Pethokoukis (Moderator)

The senator will discuss the challenges he faces in the Senate and his experiences, as well as offering insight into the current state of Congress. Coming from a unique state with its own problems and policy agenda, the Senator will offer a unique perspective on the ways in which the Senate operates and its objectives.

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Morning Session II

#### The Post-Pandemic Economy

R. Glenn Hubbard, Phil Gramm, Marc Sumerlin, and James Pethokoukis (Moderator)

Economic disruptions from COVID-19 have largely ended, but the effects of the pandemic are still with us. The economy's reopening and fiscal stimulus have led to a surge of demand, and supply is struggling to keep up. The pandemic may have

also ushered in longer-lasting changes. What is the outlook for the economy? And what will become of President Joe Biden's economic policy agenda?

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch Conversation

#### A Conversation with Sens. John Cornyn (R-TX) and Rick Scott (R-FL)

Chris Stirewalt (Moderator)

The Senators will discuss present issues they face in Congress, including the current state of the economy and its impact on policy, as well as their view of the future of America.

1:15-2:45 p.m.

Seminar Session

#### Risks of Biden's Defense Policy

Zack Cooper and Kori Schake

Long concerned with the underfunding of America's defense program, AEI has developed a Defense Futures Simulator that translates strategies into force structures and budgets, revealing where an administration's rhetoric departs from what it is funding and therefore capable of doing militarily. The software is intended to assist journalists, congressional staffers, and defense experts to evaluate alternative strategies and spending profiles. Zack Cooper leads the development team, and he'll demonstrate how it works using examples from the Joe Biden administration's 2021 budget. Kori Schake will discuss the Biden national security strategy more broadly, highlighting emerging areas of concern.

3:00-5:30 p.m.

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5:45-6:45 p.m.

Reception

6:45-8:30 p.m.

Dinner and Conversation

#### Richard Nixon, Then and Now

Andrew Ferguson and Robert Doar (Moderator)

In 1971, the United States was in the third year of Richard Nixon's first administration. A series of 50 anniversaries—of the Pentagon Papers, the opening to China, the Watergate break-in, the first Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, the most lopsided presidential reelection in American history, the Paris Peace Accords, and, finally, the president's resignation—ensures that Nixon, his administration, and his policies will be frequently in the news in the next few years. Andrew Ferguson, a nonresident fellow at AEI and a contributing writer to the *Atlantic*, is working on a book about Nixon and his continuing impact on American culture. He and Robert Doar will explore Nixon's influence then and now. How did a small-town lawyer from a California farm town rise to become the greatest political figure of his era, pursuing a public career that lasted nearly half a century, and what does his rise (and fall) tell us about American politics today?

### Sunday, August 15

7:30-9:00 a.m.

Informal Breakfast

9:06 a.m. - Departure from Four Seasons Jackson Hole

11:06 a.m. -- Flight departs Jackson Hole Airport